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SRI S. SRINIVASA RAO :—" Has the shark menace in the Madras coast been reduced due to the efforts of Madras Government? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I would like to have notice, Sir."

Construction of roads connecting all the villages in the State.

* 261 *Q.*—SRI V. V. RAMASWAMI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state whether there is any programme or scheme of road construction so as to connect all the villages in the State ?

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASWAMI PADAYATCHI :—" There is no such programme."

SRI V. V. RAMASWAMI :—" கிராமங்களில் ரோடு வசதியில்லாத இடங்களில் எல்லாம் எப்படியும் ஒரு குறிப்பிட்ட காலத்திற்குள் ரோடு வசதி செய்து கொடுப்பதற்கு சர்க்கார் ஒரு திட்டம் வகுக்க ஏற்பாடு செய்வார்களா ? "

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASWAMI PADAYATCHI :—" செய்து கொண்டுதான் இருக்கிறார்கள். இப்போது ஐந்தாண்டு திட்டத்தின் கீழ் ஜில்லா போர்டு கிராமங்களுக்கெல்லாம் லோகல் டெவலப்மெண்ட், நேஷனல் எக்ஸ்டன்ஷன் ஸ்கீம், கம்யூனிடி பிராஜக்ட் ஆகிய இவைகளின் கீழ் வசதி செய்துகொண்டிருக்கின்றனர்."

SRI V. V. RAMASWAMI :—" எவ்வளவு காலத்திற்குள் எல்லா கிராமங்களுக்கும் ரோடு வசதி செய்து கொடுக்க முடியுமென்று சர்க்கார் சொல்ல முடியுமா ? "

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASWAMI PADAYATCHI :—" காலவரை குறிக்கப்படவில்லை. எவ்வளவு சீக்கிரம் செய்ய முடியுமோ அவ்வளவு சீக்கிரம் செய்ய முயற்சி செய்துகொண்டிருக்கிறோம்."

UNSTARRED QUESTIONS.

Maintenance of rowdy sheets in the South Arcot district

20 *Q.*—SRI M. ETHIRAJULU : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of persons in respect of whom rowdy sheets have been maintained talukwar in the South Arcot district during the last three years;

(*b*) the criteria for including any person in the rowdy sheet; and

(*c*) the period for which such rowdy sheets are maintained?

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		1952.	1953.	1954.
A.—(*a*)	Cuddalore	9	4	7
	Panruti	5	4	4
	Tindivanam	3	2	4
	Villupuram	12	12	8
	Gingee	..	..	..
	Chidambaram town ..	2	4	5
	Chidambaram taluk ..	..	..	5
	Vriddhachalam ..	..	5	9
	Tirukkoilur	..	..	7
	Kallakurchi	..	..	2

(*b*) Rowdy sheets are maintained for the following persons who are classified as rowdies :—

(i) persons who habitually commit, attempt to commit or abet the commission of offences involving a breach of peace;

(ii) persons bound over under sections 106 and 107 and 110 (*e*) and 110 (*f*), Criminal Procedure Code;

(iii) persons who have been convicted under section 75 of the Madras City Police Act or twice in two consecutive years under section 3, clause 12 of the Towns Nuisances Act.

(*c*) Usually such rowdy sheets are maintained from the date of registration up to the end of December of that year, the retention or otherwise of the sheets being decided by a Gazetted Officer of the Police department according to the circumstances of each case.

Closure of glass factories

21 *Q.*—Sri T. M. DAIVASIKHAMANI ACHARIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that one Government glass factory and another subsidized private glass factory were closed in or about 1930 and 1925, respectively;

(*b*) if so, the reasons therefor;

(*c*) whether it is a fact that the only ceramic factory founded by the then Composite State of Madras was taken over by the Andhra State after the separation;

(*d*) if so, what action has been taken by this State Government to establish their own ceramic factory in this State; and

(*e*) whether the Government have any proposal to start small scale cottage industries for producing emery wheels, sand paper and whetstones?

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A.—(*a*) & (*b*) There has been no Government glass factory in this State and therefore the question of its closure does not arise. The Government have no information regarding the closure of any private glass factory in 1925.

(*c*) Yes, Sir; the only ceramic factory at Gudur in Nellore district went over to Andhra on the partition of the State.

(*d*) The Government have under consideration a proposal to set up ceramic units at Neyveli in South Arcot district.

(*e*) No, Sir.

Government Kerala Soap Institute, Kozhikode

22 *Q.*—SRI T. M. DAIVASIKHAMANI ACHARIAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government Kerala Soap Institute, Kozhikode, has been able to meet the demand for its products in this State, Northern India and other countries;

(*b*) the total cost of soaps sold in this State and Northern India during the year 1953–54; and

(*c*) the expenditure on account of this institution including the cost of manufacture and establishment during the year 1953–54?

A.—(*a*) The factory is a small unit and is not intended to meet all demands. The products are in demand and are finding a ready market;

(*b*) The total cost of soaps made in the factory, sold in Madras, Northern India and other States during the year 1953–54 is as follows:—

	RS.
Madras State	4,43,536
Northern India	1,14,978
Andhra State	1,36,677
Other States	79,960
Malaya States (Singapore) ..	7,285
Total ..	7,82,436

(*c*) Rupees 6,99,384.

Renovation of the buildings of religious institutions.

23 *Q.*—SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have issued any instructions to collect the data of the religious institutions requiring renovations; and

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(*b*) if so, whether the Government will be pleased to lay on the table of the House a statement giving the following details :—

(i) the nature of renovations;

(ii) the financial position of the institutions; and

(iii) the method to carry out the renovations, etc.?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) Yes. Particulars of religious institutions the buildings of which require repairs or reconstruction are being collected. The Government are awaiting a detailed report from the Commissioner, Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments (Administration) Department.

[*Note.*—An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.]

II.—ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE HON. CHAIRMAN.

ELECTION TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE.

MR. CHAIRMAN :—" I have to inform the House that the following candidates were nominated for election to the House Committee for the financial year 1955–56 :—

'1 Sri V. V. Ramaswami.

2 ,, G. Krishnamoorthi.

3 ,, M. Ethirajulu.

4 ,, E. H. Parameswaran.

5 ,, T. M. Daivasikamani Achariar.

6 ,, A. Gajapathy Nayagar.'

" As the number of candidates nominated is equal to the number of vacancies to be filled, viz., six, I hereby declare them to have been duly elected to the House Committee.

" In addition to the above, under rule 171 (1) of the Madras Council Rules, I nominate the following two members to be members of the said Committee :—

'1. Mrs. Mary C. Clubwala Jadhav.

2 Mrs. Jothi Vencatachellum.' "

III. GOVERNMENT RESOLUTION.

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Sir, I move—

'*That the Hon. the Chairman be requested to convey to Sri R. V. Krishna Ayyar, B.A., M.L., on his laying down of the office of the Secretary to the State Legislature, Madras, this House's sincere appreciation of his distinguished and outstanding services as Secretary to this Legislature during the years* 1924 *to* 1941 *and* 1952 *to* 1955.'